

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

Docket Number:

L-0170.71

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING FLUIDS, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☐ was filed on December 10, 2001 as United States Application Number 10?016,491.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a) – (d) or §365 (b) of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365 (a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application

Prior Not Claimed

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application listed below.

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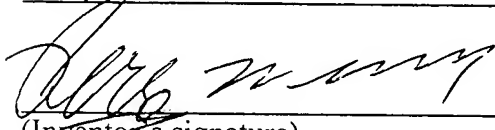
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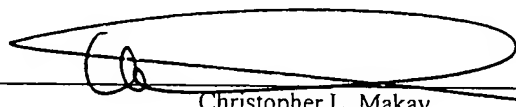
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